

**ST. MARYS COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER  
Tuesday, February 5, 2008**

**Present:** Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell  
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement  
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe  
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.  
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley  
John Savich, County Administrator  
Betty Jean Pasko, Sr. Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner President Russell called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER**

**Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Check Register, for checks dated February 5, 2008, as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to adopt the minutes of the Commissioners meeting of January 29, 2008, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

1. Draft Agendas for February 12 and 19, 2008
2. **Recreation, Parks and Community Service** (*Phil Rollins, Director*)

**Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to sign the Alcohol Beverage License Renewal Application for the Wicomico Shores Golf Course. Motion carried 4-1 (*Citing concerns in support of privatizing and bidding-out the food/beverage function and potential conflict with Sheriffs Office initiative, Commissioner Jarboe voted against the motion*).**

*(Cynthia Brown, Community Services Div. Mgr.; Harry Lancaster, Executive Director, Three Oaks Center)*

**Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to sign the 2009 through 2011 Department of Human Resources, Homeless Women Crisis Shelter Home Program application, in the total amount of \$201,723, as a pass-through for the Three Oaks Center. Motion carried 5-0.**

**3. Dept. of Public Works & Transportation** *(George Erichsen, P.E., Director)*

**Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Performance Agreement for Continued Maintenance and Repair for the Big Chestnut Subdivision, located in the 3rd Election District with an Expiration Date of December 1, 2009; and, to sign Resolutions accepting Greenstone Drive and Greentree Drive into the County Highway Maintenance System and authorize the posting of stop signs and 25-mph speed limit signs on said roads, also located in the Big Chestnut Subdivision. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to sign Resolutions accepting Willow Wood Drive and Woodland Court into the County Highway Maintenance System and authorize the posting of stop signs and 25-mph speed limit signs on said roads, located in the 8th Election District, Greenbrier Subdivision, Section 6. Motion carried 5-0.**

## **COMMISSIONERS TIME**

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and personal interest items.

## **DEPT. OF HUMAN RESOURCES: BRIEFING ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMENDED PENSION ENHANCEMENT FOR THE SHERIFFS OFFICE RETIREMENT PLAN**

Present: Sue Sabo, HR Director and Sheriffs Retirement Plan Administrator

Ms. Sabo presented the following materials that the Sheriffs Office Retirement Plan (SORP) Board of Trustees reviewed during their discussions over the past year of options that would enhance the pension benefit for St. Marys Countys deputies and correctional officers: (1) the actuarial study prepared by Mr. Tom Lowman, Bolton Partners, Inc., the Plan actuary; (2) a comparison of Sheriffs Office pension plans in other jurisdictions; and (3) and overview of the Board of Trustees proposal.

The SORP Board voted on January 24, 2008, to propose the following enhancements:

1. Increase accrual rate from 2.0% to 2.5% (of salary for every year worked).  
Maximum retirement income capped at 80% (currently capped at 70%).
2. New accrual rate would be applicable to all future service, plus 10 years of past service.
3. Increase participant contribution from 6% to 8%.

The increase cost for the FY09 baseline budget: \$813,910 annually, which is an additional 7% of payroll, in addition to the \$400,000 increase costs associated with the new disability and mortality rates, which will be required in 2010.

The Board was supportive, however, in light of budget constraints and other funding impacts, e.g., additional FTEs, COLAs, and merit increases, concerns were expressed as to the Countys ability to fund the proposal.

Ms. Sabo proposed scheduling the public hearing on the SORP Board proposal for February 26, 2008.

**Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to direct staff to schedule a public hearing on the Sheriffs Office Retirement Plan Board of Trustees Recommended Retirement Plan Pension Enhancement for February 26, 2008. Motion carried 5-0.**

#### **MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Personnel, specifically, an employment contract, and Real Property, specifically, the Lexington Manor Redevelopment Project. Motion carried 5-0.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

##### Personnel

Present: Commissioner Francis Jack Russell, President  
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement  
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe  
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.  
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley  
John Savich, County Administrator  
Sue Sabo, HR Director  
Phil Rollins, Director, Recreation, Parks & Community Services  
Donna Gebicke, Recorder

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1  
Time Held: 10:36 am 10:50 am  
Subject Discussed: Employment Contract

### Real Property Acquisition

Present: Commissioner Francis Jack Russell, President  
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement  
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe  
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.  
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley  
John Savich, County Administrator  
Denis Canavan, Dir., Land Use and Growth Management  
Christy Chesser, County Attorney  
Liz Passarelli, Real Property Manager  
Elaine Kramer, CFO  
Robert Schaller, Director, Economic and Community Development  
Robin Finnacom, CEO, CDC  
Donna Gebicke, Recorder

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)11  
Time Held: 10:51 11:37 am  
Subject Discussed: Lexington Manor Redevelopment Project

### **FY 2009 BUDGET WORK SESSION**

A FY2009 Budget Work Session (BWS) was held in Room 14 of the Governmental Center.

### **PUBLIC HEARING: TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT RELATIVE TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE CODE FORM OF HOME RULE GOVERNMENT**

The following Commissioners were in attendance: Francis Jack Russell, Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr., and Daniel H. Raley. The following staff members were present: Christy Chesser, County Attorney; Sabrina Hecht, Chief of Staff; and Delores Lacey, PIO.

The Public Hearing commenced at 6:30 PM. Commissioner President Russell announced that this is the last of four public hearings scheduled to receive public input relative to the BOCCs consideration of the adoption of the code form of home rule government. Commissioner Russell stated that the record will remain open for ten days from this date for written public comments.

Christy Chesser provided an overview of code home rule form of government in comparison to the current commissioner form of government.

Commissioner Russell opened the hearing for public comment. There were no names on the public hearing sign-up sheet. Two citizens were in attendance, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wallace. Mr. Wallace said he had served on a previous charter writing board several years ago and felt this current effort was a good initiative undertaken by the BOCC. There was some brief discussion that citizens are generally satisfied with the current form of government.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:43 PM and Commissioner Russell reiterated the 10 day open record period and noted that the Commissioners are required to make a decision within 60 days as to whether or not to place the question on a future ballot.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on \_\_\_\_\_

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Betty Jean Pasko, Sr. Admin. Coordinator